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Amendment Transmittal

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME; 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

This is a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time for a total period of three months from April 30, 2002, to July 30, 2002, to respond to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on January 30, 2002. Applicants also conditionally petition for a further extension time to provide for the possibility that such a petition is required. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), enclosed is a check for \$920.00 for the requisite fee.

Applicants believe that no fee is required for excess claims; however, if for any reason, the fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Respectfully submitted,

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